IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A ~~network security apparatus~~ system comprising:

a ~~billing server~~ processor ~~configured to~~; and

a memory, coupled to the processor, wherein the memory is configured to provide the processor with instructions which when executed cause the processor to:

~~calculate security protection consumption during a period of time by~~

quantify[[ing]] damages avoided by one or more blocked attacks; and

calculate security consumption during a period of time.

2. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 1, wherein ~~calculating security protection consumption further~~ quantifying damages includes determining whether a blocked attack would have exploited a network vulnerability.

3. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 2, wherein determining whether a blocked attack would have exploited network vulnerability includes replaying the attack on an internal network.

4. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 1, further comprising a scanner configured to scan one or more devices for vulnerabilities.

5. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 4, wherein the scanner is configured to quantify the risk of one or more devices.

6. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 4, wherein the scanner is located within a customer network.

7. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of clam 1, further comprising an intrusion suppression module configured to block attacks.

8. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 7, wherein the intrusion suppression module is configured to maintain a list of attacks sustained and blocked during a period of time.

9. (Currently amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 7, wherein the intrusion suppression module is located outside a customer network.

10. (Previously presented) A network security method comprising:

quantifying damages avoided by one or more blocked attacks; and

calculating security protection consumption during a period of time.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising determining whether a blocked attack would have exploited network vulnerability.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising scanning one or more devices for vulnerabilities.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising quantifying the risk of one or more devices.

14. (Previously presented) The method claim 1, further comprising blocking one or more attacks.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising maintaining a list of attacks sustained and blocked during a period of time.

16. (Original) A network security apparatus comprised of:

means for quantifying damages avoided by one or more blocked attacks; and

means for calculating security protection consumption during a period of time.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, further comprised of the means for determining whether a blocked attack would have exploited network vulnerability.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, further comprised of the means for scanning one or more devices for vulnerabilities.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 18, further comprised of the means for quantifying the risk of one or more devices.

20. (Original) The apparatus claim 16, further comprised of the means for blocking one or more attacks.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, further comprised of the means for maintaining a list of attacks sustained and blocked during a period of time.

22. (Currently amended) A computer program product embodied in a ~~tangible~~ computer-readable storage medium, and comprising computer instructions for:

quantifying damages avoided by one or more blocked attacks; and

calculating security protection consumption during a period of time.

23. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 21, further comprising computer instructions for determining whether a blocked attack would have exploited network vulnerability.

24. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 21, further comprising computer instructions for scanning one or more devices for vulnerabilities.

25. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 21, further comprising computer instructions for quantifying risk of one or more devices.

26. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 21, further comprising computer instructions blocking one or more attacks.

27. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 26, further comprising computer instructions for maintaining a list of attacks sustained and blocked during a period of time.

28. (Cancelled)